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Remarks

With this response, claims 1 — 6, 10 — 14, and 22 — 36 remain
5 pending in the application. Claims 1, 10, 26, 29 and 33 are independent
claims.

Claim Rejections - Double Patenting, 35 USC §101

10 The examiner has provisionally rejected claims 1 — 6, 10 — 14, and
22 — 36 under 35 USC §101. The examiner has correctly noted that claims
1 — 6, 10 — 14, and 22 — 36 correspond to claims 1 — 6, 10 — 14, and
22 — 36 in copending Application No. 08/985,479.

Applicant has recently filed an amendment in copending Application
15 No. 08/985,479, deleting claims 1 — 6, 10 — 14, and 22 — 36. A copy of
this amendment is enclosed. In light of the amendment to copending
Application No. 08/985,479, Applicant respectfully requests that the
provisional rejection under 35 USC §101 be withdrawn.

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Conclusion

In view of the above, it is submitted that claims 1 — 6, 10 — 14, and
22 — 36 are in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the provisional
rejection made by the examiner is requested. Allowance of the claims at an
early date is solicited.

25 The undersigned wishes to state that if the Examiner has questions
about this response, the undersigned would be most happy to try to answer
them on the telephone.

Respectfully submitted,

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